

## **CEMETERY COMMITTEE**

The Cemetery Committee, which reports to the Board of Selectmen, is composed of three members, each serving a 3-year term. The committee this past year appointed an associate member, Stephen A. Gray. The committee is responsible for the management, maintenance and upkeep of the town's cemeteries.

The three cemeteries in Stow (Hillside Cemetery on Crescent Street, The Lower Village Cemetery at Great Road and Pompositticut Street, and Brookside Cemetery on Gleasondale Road and Box Mill Road) are all maintained by the Superintendent and seasonal part-time employees.

The main improvement this past year was the installation of a granite post fence at Brookside Cemetery. This project should be completed in the early spring. The Superintendent has also been working with the Historical Committee and the Community Preservation Committee to restore the stone wall at Lower Village Cemetery and to repair and restore many of the old markers that have been broken and are in need of repositioning. Many of these markers are showing their age due to being exposed to New England weather for hundreds of years.

The Committee again wants to recognize the outstanding work of Superintendent Robb "GH" Gledhill who, most of the time, maintains all three cemeteries by himself. He has been fortunate to have some seasonal help this past year, which allows him to work on other projects.

The Committee is always looking for anyone who would be interested in helping out with the maintenance of the cemeteries on a part-time basis. If you are interested, contact the Superintendent at the Office of the Cemetery Committee in the Town Hall.

The Committee wants to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Town Administrator, and all the townspeople who supported us this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Dodge, Chairman  
Roy A. Dudley  
William E. Clayton

Stephen A. Gray, Associate  
Robb Gledhill, Superintendent

## **COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

The Community Preservation Act (CPA), MGL c.44B, was enacted into legislation on September 14, 2000. The goal of the Community Preservation Act is to provide communities with the means to expand their ability to pursue and implement projects that preserve or enhance their quality of life. Under this legislation, municipalities may opt to participate by adopting a property tax surcharge to create a locally-controlled Community Preservation Fund. The state provides a match, up to a maximum of 100 percent, depending on what percentage surcharge is